

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~In an~~ An impact absorption type telescopic steering column apparatus for a vehicle, in which a steering column is ~~so provided~~ so as to be ~~capable of a telescopic motion~~ telescopically adjustable with respect to a ~~car~~ vehicle body ~~sided~~ side member and is ~~moved forwardly of~~ movable toward a front of the vehicle ~~when~~ in response to a secondary collision ~~happens~~,

~~an impact absorption type steering column apparatus for a vehicle,~~ characterized in that an outer peripheral surface of said steering column is fitted with a metallic ring functioning as a stopper which ~~regulates a~~ regulates a telescopic ~~motion~~ adjustment of said steering column, and which engages with said ~~car body sided~~ vehicle body side member to absorb impact energy while frictionally sliding on said steering column moving ~~forwardly~~ toward the front of the vehicle, ~~when a~~ when the secondary collision ~~happens~~ occurs.

2. (currently amended) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said metallic ring is provided with a damper ~~for preventing~~so as to prevent butting noises emitted by ~~abutting against said car body sided~~vehicle body side member when regulating the telescopic ~~motion~~adjustment.

3. (currently amended) ~~In an~~An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for a vehicle, in which a steering column ~~is moved forwardly~~moves toward a front of the vehicle with respect to a ~~car body sided~~vehicle body side member ~~when in response to a secondary collision happens,~~

~~an improvement~~ characterized in that an outer peripheral surface of said steering column is fitted with a metallic ring that engages with said ~~car body sided~~vehicle body side member to absorb impact energy while frictionally sliding on said steering column moving ~~forwardly toward the front of the vehicle~~[[,]] when a the secondary collision happensoccurs.

4. (original) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein said metallic ring is provided with a damper.

5. (currently amended) ~~In an~~ An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for a vehicle, in which a steering column includes an outer column and an inner column that is telescopically adjustably fitted in said outer column and movable toward a front ~~is moved forwardly~~ of the vehicle with respect to a ~~car body sided~~ vehicle body side member when in response to a secondary collision ~~happens~~,

~~an improvement~~ characterized in that the inner column of said steering column is fitted with a ring that functions as a stopper so as to regulate a telescopic adjustment of said inner column and to ~~absorbs~~ absorb impact energy while frictionally sliding on said ~~steering~~ inner column when ~~a the secondary collision happens~~ occurs.